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LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indians working in Afghanistan are still under stress in view of Taliban insurgency;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the Indians killed/kidnapped by the Taliban in Afghanistan during the last three years; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure that Indians working in Afghanistan are safe?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a), (b) & (c) The deterioration in the security situation in Afghanistan on account of the Taliban insurgency has adversely affected the security environment for Indians working in that country. Since November 2005, three Indians have been killed as a result of the Taliban insurgency.

(d) Government of India are in constant touch with the Government of Afghanistan, which has assured Government that it will take all the steps necessary to provide security to Indians in Afghanistan. Indian companies and project authorities have been advised by our Embassy and Consulates in Afghanistan to observe all possible security precautions.